

REMARKS

Claims 3-4, 13-14, 23-25, and 29-53 are pending in the Application, of which Claims 3, 13, 32, 37, 44, and 49 are independent claims. The Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed Claims 32-53. Claims 3-4 and 23-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being deemed anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,522,816 to Springer and Claims 13-14, 25, and 29-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being deemed obvious over Springer.

While the Applicants disagree with the rejections as previously argued, the rejected claims are being cancelled to advance the allowed claims to issuance. The Applicants reserve the right to claim the rejected subject matter in a continuation application.

Entry of the amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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